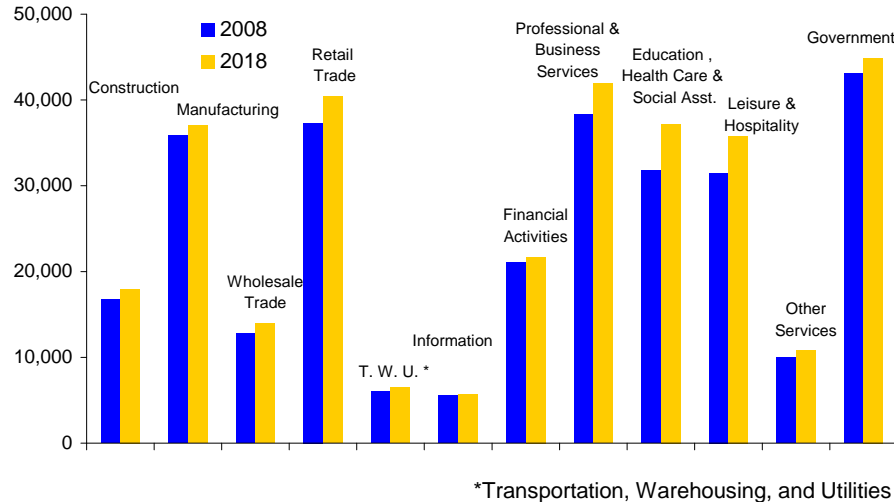


## 2008 – 2018 Ventura County Projection Highlights

**Industry** projections for total employment, which includes Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, Private Household Workers, Farm, and Nonfarm employment, in Ventura County will reach 371,400 by 2018. This increase represents a gain of approximately 26,500 jobs with a growth rate of 7.7 percent for the projection period. This rate is below the growth rate for California, which is forecasted at 9.7 percent for the same time period.

The largest number of new jobs will occur in Education Services, Health Care and Social Assistance (5,400), Leisure and Hospitality (4,300), Professional and Business Services (3,600), and Retail Trade (3,100). These industry sectors will account for 62 percent of all job growth in nonfarm employment.

**2008-2018 Industry Sector Employment Levels**



The fastest growing nonfarm industry sector, based on growth rate, is Education Services, Health Care and Social Assistance (17 percent). Leisure and Hospitality (13.7 percent), Professional and Business Services (9.4 percent), Wholesale Trade (9.4 percent), Retail Trade (8.3 percent), and Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (8.3 percent) sectors will exceed the county's 8.2 percent growth rate for nonfarm employment. Employment in education and health care will be driven by population growth. The aging of the population will also contribute to the health care industry growth.

**Occupational** projections for the period 2008 to 2018 forecast:

- Approximately 2,800 new jobs from industry growth.
- Almost 8,000 job openings from net replacements.
- A combined total of about 10,800 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings are forecasted to generate just over 58,200 total job openings. This is about 54 percent of all job openings in the county. The top three occupations are Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse; Cashiers; and Retail Salespersons with the median wage ranging from \$9.20 to \$10.22 per hour. These three occupations, combined, will create 14,230 jobs, with over 79 percent generated by replacement needs. Half of the jobs require only short-term on-the-job training. Occupations requiring higher education, an associate degree or higher, make up 18 percent of this list. These include General and Operations Managers, Management Analysts, Elementary and Secondary School Teachers, and Registered Nurses. The median annual wages for these occupations range from \$59,770 to \$112,650.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.4 percent or higher. Thirty occupations will require vocational education training or less. The other 20 occupations require an associate degree or higher and have median annual wages ranging from \$32,044 to over \$166,400. Four of the top five occupations are healthcare occupations including Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Aides, Home Health Aides, and Pharmacy Technicians.

**Average Annual Job Openings by Education and Training Level**

